SFExaminer MAY 6 1973

Innuendos on Eagleton

McGovern Repudiates Times Article

NEW YORK — (UPI) — George McGovern was quoted as denouncing a magazine article published today that says he never liked Sen. Thomas J. Eagleton (Mo.), who served briefly as his running mate in 1972, and vowing to do "anything that was necessary" to stop Eagleton from winning the Democratic nomination for President in 1976.

McGovern said he and his wife almost moved to England after he lost the 1972 election by such a wide margin, according to the article, which appeared in the New York Times Magzine. (The article appears on page 7 of the Chronicle Punch section of this paper).

McGovern denounced the article as based on fabricated information, according to a story in the news columns of the same issue of the Times.

The senator said the article, by Joe McGinniss, who wrote "The Selling of the President 1968," a bestseller about the inner workings of President Nixon's campaign that year, "may serve his reflect my true feelings or beliefs," according to the times.

"I repudiate the statements attributed to me by Joe McGinniss in the New York Times Magazine of May 6," he said. "The article is full of inaccurate and fabricated quptations.

". . . in my 20 years of public service, I have seldom encountered a more disreputable and shoddy piece of journalism. It is time to move politics away from smear and innuendo and back to the issues that count."

The Times said McGinniss stood by the accuracy of his article and he wrote in reply that "what we have here, I am afraid, is the not untypical case of a public man who has allowed a writer a glimpse of his private self and who later regrets having done so."

The newspaper reported that Eagleton said he had discussed the article with McGovern and believed his colleague's denunciation of the piece.

May 6, 1973 ☆☆☆☆☆ Section B Page 13
S. F. Sunday Examiner & Chronicle